

SAYS GERMANY WON'T NEGOTIATE

Foreign Minister Tells Reichstag of Government's Attitude on Reparations.

PUTS QUESTION UP TO ALLIES

Simons Says No Invitation Has Been Received to Attend a Conference in London.

Berlin.—Dr. Walter Simons, the foreign minister, declared in the reichstag that the government would refuse to negotiate on the basis of the entente decisions regarding reparations and would formulate counter proposals. His position was supported by all the party leaders except the Communists, who he led and jeered him when he concluded speaking.

Dr. Simons said the German government was unable either to refuse or to agree to participate in the forthcoming London conference because it had not yet been invited to send representatives.

Dr. Simons' declaration of the German government's attitude consisted of a lengthy criticism of the terms, and concluded as follows:

"Not having received as yet an invitation to the London conference, the German government cannot accept or refuse to participate in it, but declares in the meantime that it refuses to negotiate on the basis of the entente decisions and that it will formulate counter proposals."

The declaration of Dr. Simons apparently was less emphatic than had been expected, many of the listeners looking for a more defiant positions.

IT IS UP TO THE ALLIES

Dr. Simons, the German foreign minister, defining the attitude of the government on reparations, according to the Berlin correspondent of the London Times, declared that the question whether delegates would be sent to London was dependent upon whether the entente regarded their decisions in the light of proposals and objected to counter proposals in the negotiations at London, or whether the Paris decisions constituted conclusions on which there could be no discussion.

The German government would evade an actual invitation to London requesting whether the delegates would be received as negotiators or simply to receive the decision. If the entente decided to admit negotiations, the delegates would attend the London conference with definite proposals.

MEXICO WANTS MR. M'ADOO

President Obregon Former Secretary of Treasury Full Charge of Railroads of the Country.

Washington.—Mexico is negotiating with William G. McAdoo to rehabilitate and take charge of her state railroads, it was learned authoritatively here.

McAdoo is now in Mexico as a guest of President Obregon and may stay there indefinitely. He is accompanied by his wife and Joetta Shouse, formerly assistant secretary of the treasury and now one of the officials of the Mexico & Orient railway, projected between Kansas City and the western coast of Mexico.

The invitation to McAdoo is looked upon here as a move by Obregon to gain recognition from this government. Obregon, it is said, realizes he must stabilize Mexico financially and industrially to get such recognition.

SENATE WILL MEET MARCH 4

Washington.—A request from President-elect Harding, that President Wilson call a special meeting of the senate for March 4, was conveyed to the executive at the White House recently by Senator Underwood of Alabama, the Democratic leader.

Senator Underwood said he conveyed the message at the request of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republican leader. He saw Secretary Tumulty, who later laid the request before the President. It is assumed that the President will comply with the request, as it is a customary procedure for the senate to meet in special session inauguration day in order to confirm cabinet appointments and such others as the incoming President cares to announce at the time.

Train Into Cornfield, Three Injured. Crawfordsville, Ind.—Three persons were slightly injured when Big Four passenger train No. 43 was derailed three miles east of Crawfordsville early the other day. The entire train left the tracks, the engine plowing two hundred feet into a cornfield.

Motor Car Hit Pole, Two Dead. Davenport, Ia.—Frank Weitzel and Frank Hault were killed and three persons injured when a motor car crashed into telephone pole in Davenport the other night.

Paderewski Did Not Quit. Warsaw.—Notwithstanding the announcement of the resignation of Ignace Jan Paderewski as Poland's delegate to the League of Nations, his friends here contend that the report published in the Warsaw newspapers was given out intentionally by his political enemies. Paderewski, they say, will continue to hold his post.

Much Sleeping Sickness in London. London.—Fifty-five cases of sleeping sickness have been reported in the last four weeks in this city.

GOVERNMENT MARKET REPORT

Quotations of Prevailing Prices of Farm Products at Various Centers by Federal Bureau.

Washington, D. C., for week ended January 31, 1921.

The following report is distributed by the Bureau of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture and is compiled from telegraphic reports from all sections of the country.

Grain. Excepting advances on the 27th and 28th sentiment in the grain trade has been decidedly bearish and prices are considerably lower than a week ago. There was a break of 6 1/2c in Argentine wheat on the 31st and this added to bearishness in American markets. European financial conditions and Germany's attitude toward allied indemnities also causing some concern. No wheat export demand. Corn receipts light, country offerings small, but corn prices developed independent heaviness on increase of 4,500,000 bushels in visible supply. Elevator interests and industries buying cash corn. In Chicago cash market No. 2 hard winter wheat 24 to 25c over March; No. 2 hard 5 to 6c under; No. 2 white 5 to 6c under; No. 2 yellow 5 to 6c under; Minneapolis reports better demand for flour with millers taking fair quantities cash. For the week Chicago March wheat down 10 1/2c to \$1.60 1/2; May corn 1/2c to \$1.45; Minneapolis March wheat down 12 1/2c to \$1.49 1/2; Kansas City March 1 1/2c to \$1.53; Winnipeg May 1 1/2c to \$1.71 1/2; Chicago May wheat \$1.45 1/2.

Livestock and Meats. Compared with a week ago, Chicago cattle and sheep prices showed fairly sharp declines, while hogs advanced 25c to 40c per 100 pounds. Beef steers down 40c to 50c; butcher cattle and feeder steers 25c to 50c; veal calves steady to shade higher; fat lambs down 1c; feeding lambs 25c to 30c; per 100 pounds, yearlings lost 60c to \$1.25; fat ewes 75c; January 31, Chicago prices: Hogs, bulk of sales \$9.25-\$9.50; medium and good beef steers \$12.50-\$13.00; butcher cows and heifers \$4.00 to \$5.50; feeder calves \$6 to \$8.50; light and medium weight veal calves \$10.50-\$12.25; fat lambs \$8-\$10.25; feeding lambs \$8-\$9.50; yearlings \$9.50 to \$12.75; fat ewes \$8.25 to \$9.25.

Earmark wholesale fresh meat markets generally lower than a week ago. Beef lost \$1 to \$1.50; veal \$1 to \$1.25; lamb \$2 to \$3; mutton \$2 to \$2.25; mutton week to \$2 lower. January 31 prices good grade meats: Beef \$14.50-\$16; veal \$20-\$22; lamb \$18-\$22; mutton \$12 to \$18; light pork loins \$22-\$25; heavy loins \$16-\$20.

WILSON WILL WRITE A BOOK

President Has Men Arranging Collection of Peace Conference Documents for Ready Reference.

Washington.—President Wilson is having collected and arranged for ready reference all papers and documents in his possession relating to the work of the Paris peace conference with a view to the preparation of a book on the peace negotiations.

The President in making these preparations, it was learned recently, has accepted the volunteered services of Ray Stannard Baker, who was attached to the American peace commission. Mr. Baker, during the last two weeks, has spent several hours each day at the White House putting into shape all available data.

WON'T ASK A RAIL WAGE CUT

Chicago.—Developments at the conference of the labor committee of the American Association of Railroad Executives were:

A general cut in the wages of all railroad employees will not be asked of the railroad labor board at this time.

For the present the railroads will direct their offensive against the national shop agreements, abrogation of which will be asked by the carriers in a statement to be presented tomorrow morning by Chairman T. DeWitt Cuyler of the executives' association.

The roads will attempt to knock off the annual payroll in the onslaught on the shop agreements. These agreements cover overtime and working conditions which net employees many millions annually.

Extend Domestic Postage Rates.

Washington.—Effective at once, domestic postage rates, including the 2-cent letter charge, are applicable to first and second class matter between the United States and Bolivia, Colombia, Honduras, Nicaragua and Peru, the postoffice department announced.

A Small Drop in Sugar.

New York.—Fine granulated sugar was quoted at 7 1/2 cents a pound by several large refiners recently, a decline of 1/4 cent, and the lowest quotation in two years.

Army of Occupation Flier Killed.

Berlin.—Lieut. Clarence M. Cutler of Medfield, Mass., an aviator in the American army of occupation on the Rhine, was killed and Lieut. Chester T. Dorland of San Diego, Cal., was injured in an airplane accident at Irlich, near Coblenz.

Council Bluffs Woman a Suicide.

Council Bluffs, Ia.—Miss Alice Hatch, 28 years old, committed suicide by leaping into the Missouri River from the street car bridge. Her health is given as the cause.

TO STRENGTHEN VOLSTEAD LAW

Drys Plan to Prevent Violators Escaping by the Payment of a Fine.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE NEXT

Leaders in Congress Would Make Jail Term Mandatory for First Booze Selling Offense.

Washington.—Prohibition leaders in congress are hoping to tighten up the Volstead law.

They are planning new legislation to provide a flat jail sentence for the first offense of selling liquor, without giving the courts the optional right to impose a fine.

Other changes being discussed among the prohibition leaders relate to the search and seizure clause, so as to reach the home brew and to make more sweeping the present law, under which a person buying liquor may be punished equally with the person selling it.

Confiscation of every drop of liquor held by citizens, regardless as to when or how it was acquired, is also being urged. This would legalize seizure of all stocks held in a private cellar, or a safety deposit vault. Objection to that, however, has been made by some dry leaders on the ground that little such liquor finds its way into channels of bootleg trade and that it will not be long before all such liquor will be consumed.

Unless a pending bill, which would permit federal commissioners to try minor liquor cases, is passed, a proposed amendment to the Volstead law would take care of this. Federal court dockets are now badly congested with Volstead violations and government officials have reported a change of procedure necessary.

The big fight for the amendment will start the opening of the new session in April, according to dry leaders. They say they have enough votes in the house now to put through any added restrictions they might desire, but that there is not enough time left.

Meanwhile, Chairman Volstead, of the house judiciary committee, on whose shoulders will fall the bulk of revising and tightening up, is awaiting word from prohibition enforcement officers as to suggestions for making the law bullet-proof.

KIDNAPPERS WERE FOILED

Mrs. Witherrill of Los Angeles, Cal., Rescued by Police Officers, Safe and Unharmed.

Los Angeles.—After one of the most dramatic and sensational hunts in California criminal annals, Mrs. Gladys Witherrill, kidnapped from her home in Hollywood the other night, was found safe and unharmed later in a lonely canyon cabin about fifty miles from Los Angeles.

A large posse of deputy sheriffs, police and private detectives, some of whom were armed with sawed-off shotguns, surrounded the cabin and, after a given signal, crashed in the door and windows, taking the inmates by complete surprise. Mrs. Witherrill was found in an inner room and was overjoyed when aroused and told she was free.

The two men on guard were "s" armed and handcuffed before they could offer any resistance. They gave the names of Floyd Carr and A. W. Carr, cousins.

It was through the vigilance of a telephone operator that a clue to the "nest" of the abductors was discovered.

SHOOT THREE IN A HOLDUP

Detroit Bandits Fight Their Way Out of Brokerage Office After the Police Arrived.

Detroit.—Three bandits, fighting their way from the brokerage office of William T. Martin, in the heart of Detroit's business district, shot and seriously wounded three police detectives who entered the office when the robbers were leaving, carrying with them \$13,000 in bonds.

Two hundred detectives in twenty-five motor cars and armed with riot guns, were dispatched in pursuit. As the three bandits entered the private banking establishment a clerk touched the police alarm. The police arrived just as the robbers were leaving and the three detectives were inside the door before they escaped. Facing capture the robbers shot their way out. Two of the wounded detectives may die.

A Morgan Home for Embassy.

Washington.—The house voted to authorize the secretary of state to accept the offer of the residence of J. P. Morgan in London as an American embassy. Acceptance of the gift was proposed by Representative Walsh.

Chicago Grows 108,068 in Year.

Chicago.—Chicago has added 108,068 persons to its population since last January, a report of the school board showed recently. This is an increase of 4 per cent. Chicago now has 2,809,774 inhabitants.

A Miner Killed at Krebs, Ok.

McAlester, Ok.—A fall from a car in an Ossage Mining and Coal Company mine at Krebs, near here, cost William Clark, miner, his life. The cause of the accident is unknown, but it is believed his foot slipped and he was crushed under the loaded car.

Roumania Declares a Siege.

Vienna.—Roumania has declared a state of siege because of unmistakable Russian "military preparations," according to dispatches received here recently.

ALEX J. GROESBECK



A recent portrait of Alex J. Groesbeck, Republican governor-elect of Michigan.

RUSSIAN BOLSHEVISM FAILS

All-Russian Constituent Assembly Lifts Veil of Conditions—Believe Lenin Regime is Doomed.

New York.—The veil that for many months has completely hidden conditions in Russia, due to the action of soviet leaders in barring visitors from the rest of the world, is being withdrawn a little by the conference in Paris of the all-Russian constituent assembly.

Prominent exiled Russians, who opposed the rule of Lenin and Trotsky, now are submerged their differences in an effort to present a united front against bolshevism. They are disclosing in Paris reports from associates still in Russia picturing conditions not before clearly presented to the world, which has wondered what was going on under the greatest of all communist experiments.

These reports are being received by cable by A. J. Sack, director of the Russian information bureau, who is an authorized spokesman in this country of all the Russian elements opposed to bolshevism attending the Paris conference. In a statement recently summing up the reports which have reached him, Mr. Sack explains why the conference is to be regarded as an event of international importance, and incidentally he discloses for the first time that there is a famine in Russian villages this winter "probably not less acute than in China."

"Thirteen million people have begun to suffer acute starvation this January," he said. On the basis of the data he has submitted he declares, on behalf of bolshevism is inevitable.

His statement, in part, says: "The situation within bolshevism Russia is critical. The economic life of the country is destroyed, according to No. 256 of the official bolshevik daily, Pravda, which contains a comparative table of manufacturing outputs for the first half year of 1920, as compared to the corresponding period of 1914, the present output of iron in bolshevik Russia is only 12 per cent of the output before the war; steel 4 per cent; cotton, 20 per cent; coal, 25 per cent. The area under cultivation is only 24 per cent as compared to land cultivated in 1914."

Can't Find Naval Reservists.

Washington.—More than sixty thousand checks on the national treasury for retainer pay due naval reservists are unclaimed at the navy department because of the failure of the reservists to keep the department informed of their correct address.

Plan Huge Welfare Fund.

Hartford, Conn.—Plans revealed to charter the Hartley trust fund disclosed that Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins will give a large sum, probably in the millions, to form a general relief foundation.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

—Orders issued at headquarters of the 8th corps, United States army, authorized a continental air trip from Pablo Beach, Fla., to San Diego, Cal., by Lieut. Alexander Pearson of Douglas, Ariz. The flight will be made in a single day, February 22, according to plans.

—Damage estimated at \$100,000 resulted from a fire at Marshall, Ok., in the northwest corner of Guthrie county recently. The town was menaced for a time and the Enid fire department was called.

—The upper body of the Arkansas legislature has passed a bill for repeal of the law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes in the state and providing for licensing of dealers in cigarettes and prohibiting their sale to persons under 18 years old.

—Unemployed men are flocking into Lawton and southwestern Oklahoma, according to George Short, commissioner of Public safety. Five or six men without jobs are allowed to sleep in the police station for want of other lodging.

—Paul D. Cravath, attorney for the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, who figured with Charles M. Schwab in the congressional investigation of the shipbuilding board, has been operated on. Physicians said his condition was satisfactory but that he would not be at his desk for several weeks.

—Miss Lugh Affholder, school teacher of Ingersoll, Ok., and Fern Swain of Amarita, Ok., were killed a half mile west of Atta when their motor car was struck by a northbound Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe train.

NEW ORDER CUTS OFF BOOZE SUPPLY

Attorney General Palmer and Prohibition Director Clamp Down Liquor Lid.

WHOLESALE DEALERS BARRED

The Warehouses Are Closed Against Withdrawals Except by Druggist Who Are Limited.

Washington.—Doors of distilleries and bonded warehouses in every state in the Union, Hawaii and Porto Rico were ordered indefinitely closed against liquor withdrawals recently by Prohibition Commissioner Kramer. At the same time wholesale liquor dealers were ruled out of further participation in the sale of intoxicating beverages by Attorney General Palmer.

This order and the attorney general's interpretation of the Volstead act, prohibition officials said, mean the elimination of the wholesale liquor dealers and make possible the prevention of "bootlegging" through forged permits and illegal disposal of intoxicants.

Druggists Can Get Five Cases.

The nation-wide ban does not apply to withdrawals of industrial alcohol or reasonable quantities of sacramental wine, and makes an exception in the case of retail druggists, who are permitted to make withdrawals up to five cases of liquor at a time.

Warning against attempts to obtain whiskey despite the order was sent out by Commissioner Kramer, who directed all owners of distilleries and warehouses not to honor permits for whiskey withdrawals "purporting to be issued by any state director, irrespective of the date such permit is issued or approved by the director." No such applications are being approved, he said, adding that failure to comply with the notice would deprive owners of their license to hold their stock still in storage.

Acted on Palmer's Decision. Mr. Palmer's opinion was said by revenue bureau officials to constitute the authority upon which the sweeping closing orders were issued. Liquor now in commercial warehouses, however, prohibition officials explained, is exempt from the attorney general's ruling and Commissioner Kramer's man, since such liquor is considered to be in the possession of the owner.

URGES CHURCHES TO UNITE

Episcopalian Bishop Calls Present Denominational Division a Disaster in Speech at St. Louis.

St. Louis.—Denominational division was characterized as a "disaster" to the cause of religion by the Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, an Episcopal bishop of Bethlehem, Pa., in an address here at the conference of the representatives of various national and international movements for church unity.

The bishop, who is a member of the commission on Christian unity of the Episcopal Church, declared that the necessity for reunion has never been so apparent as at present. Bishop Talbot explained the unification movement advocated by the Lambeth conference. He said the "one great difficulty" which remained to be overcome is agreement as to a "common ministry."

In this connection, he continued, it was suggested "the adoption of some form of constitutional episcopates furnishes the best hope as a basis of reunion."

FORMAL PROTEST TO MEXICO

Petroleum Producers Present Their Objections to New Tax Law to the Government Officials.

The City of Mexico.—Formal objections to the government's projected law providing for the payment of oil taxes was presented to Adolfo de la Huerta, secretary of the treasury, recently by a committee representing the association of producers of petroleum in Mexico. Assertion was made by members of the committee that it was the most energetic protest yet made to the government by the association. The memorandum contained charges of "subterfuge" in the designation of the act and a declaration on that "companies which export petroleum are subject to maneuvers which can be arbitrary on the part of officials or the employees of the secretary of finance."

It is alleged the projected legislation would levy upon petroleum taxes which were exorbitant and wholly out of proportion to the value of the product.

Further Rioting in India.

Allahabad, India.—Further re-enforcements have been sent to the Ral Bareilly district, where there is a recurrence of last week's rioting. Several persons have been wounded by police fire at Fyzabad.

Ford Loses in Recount.

Washington.—The recount of ballots in the Michigan senatorial election of 1918, finished by the senate elections committee, left Senator Newberry, Republican, with a plurality of 4,254 over Henry Ford.

U. S. Coal \$9 Ton in France.

Paris.—The French government has fixed a new maximum price of \$9 a ton for all American coal, free on board, at French Atlantic ports. This is the lowest since it began declining last October, when the figure was \$32 a ton.

Coolidge's Coat Was Stolen.

Atlanta, Ga.—Atlanta's police department admitted recently that Calvin Coolidge's overcoat had been stolen while the vice president-elect was visiting here last week.

Prominent Western Man Praises Tanlac



G. W. Logan, Peabody, Kansas

"Tanlac has completely restored my health and I feel finer than in years," was the straightforward statement made recently by Mr. George W. Logan of Peabody, Kansas, one of the most prominent stock-dealers in the Middle West.

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FACTS OF SACRED WRITINGS

Information That Will Be New to Those Who Have Not Reverently Searched the Scriptures.

The longest chapter of the New Testament is the first chapter of Luke; it contains 80 verses. The shortest is John, first chapter; it contains ten verses. The longest verse in the Old Testament is the ninth verse of the eighth chapter of Esther. It contains 90 words, composed of 426 letters. The shortest verse is the twenty-fifth verse of the first chapter of I Chronicles, consisting of twelve letters and three words. The middle verse is the eighth verse of the one hundred and eighteenth psalm. The nineteenth chapter of II Kings and thirty-seventh chapter of Isaiah read alike. The book of Job is the oldest book in the Bible and the twenty-first verse of the seventh chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet with the exception of "J." The thirty-fifth verse, eleventh chapter, of St. John is the shortest in the Bible.

Proof Positive. "What did you do with that man you caught dealing off the bottom of the deck?"

"Committed him to the asylum," replied Cactus Joe. "Anybody who would try a trick like that in Crimston Gulch don't leave enough doubt about his sanity to be worth arguing over."

When a sick man is polite he deserves a halo.

Equivocal: "She's just as pretty as she can be."

The Kind. "Cinderella charmed the prince with her little slipper."

"I wonder if you couldn't call her a shoe vamp?"

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Enjoy It. "Made any New Year's resolutions?" "Sure. It's so much fun breaking 'em afterwards."

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If you are afflicted with this form of skin disease do not expect to be cured by lotions, ointments, salves and other local remedies, as they can not possibly reach the source of the trouble, which is in the blood. Begin taking S.S.S. today, and write a complete history of your case to our chief medical adviser who will give you special instructions, without charge. Write at once to Medical Director, 122 Swift Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga.